

WITH OUR BOY SCOUTS

ILLINOIS TO TRAIN 40,000 BOYS FOR COMMUNITY WORK

Forty thousand Illinois boys are to be trained for community service. This is the program of the Boy Scouts of America, as presented to the Better Community Conference at the University of Illinois by J. P. Freeman, the national field Scout commissioner of the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Freeman is the representative of the National Council in the Central States.

"The war furnished the big opportunity to demonstrate to the country what the Scouts were capable of doing on a national scale. Time after time the war and the treasury departments called upon the Boy Scouts for important services and in every case secured satisfactory results in all parts of the country. This has caused a nation-wide interest in the Scout work, and Scout troops are being organized from one end of the country to the other," said Mr. Freeman.

"Scouting is promoted through the various agencies of the community, such as schools, churches, clubs, playgrounds, etc., and is of such a nature as to appeal to all who are interested in the welfare of boys.

"The work is outlined by the national organization, but actual control of the different troops is left in the hands of the local institutions. Scouting is largely a volunteer work, and no community is too small to have at least one troop.

"On the other hand, Scouting presents a program comprehensive enough to handle the boy problem in large cities. It is a program which can be adapted to meet the peculiar needs of each community, and each community will be better because of having its boys trained along Scout lines," he concluded.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE BOY SCOUTS

On Feb. 8, 1919, the Ninth anniversary.

There were 340,519 scouts registered.

There were 6,692,180 boys in the United States between the ages of 12 and 17 years.

Five per cent of the boys in the United States were scouts.

Seventy-eight per cent of the scouts were between the ages of 12 and 14 years.

Twenty-two per cent of scouts were between the ages of 15 and 17.

There were 15,563 troops under 13-892 scoutmasters and 15,097 assistant scoutmasters, with 46,689 troop committeemen.

There were 1,081 scout commissioners and 12,298 local council members, including scout executives.

There was a total of 89,639 men leaders for the 340,519 scouts, a total of 430,158.

On Nov. 8, 1919, three-quarters of a year later—

There were 16,189 troops under 14,597 scoutmasters and 16,957 assistant scoutmasters, with 48,567 troop committeemen.

There were 1,383 scout commissioners and 16,930 local council members, including scout executives.

There was a total of 98,434 men leaders for the 364,225 scouts, a total of 462,659.

THE CHALLENGE OF THE CHILDREN TO THE CHURCHES

"I became well acquainted in the White mountains this summer with a layman from a large eastern parish,

AMERICAN "PREP" SCHOOLS 2 YEARS BEHIND ENGLISH

M. J. Randall, headmaster of Winchester college, London, a "prep" school, has returned from the United States not much impressed with American preparatory schools for youths, declaring the students are two years behind the English. But Gordon Selfridge, London's American merchant prince, who was schooled in Michigan, doesn't fully agree. He says:

"English preparatory schools are excellent, but I am not so enamored of the English elementary school. In the small towns of America there is only one school for everybody, and a lad rubs shoulders with all types of boys and gets an outlook and knowledge of life British common schools never give (because only the poorest attend them).

"Taking an American and English young man who have both gone through their universities, I should say that the American would have learned more of value to him in after life."

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writes Dr. George Parkin Atwater, in The Witness. As we climbed Mt. Willard together, he asked, "What do we need most? Could this church capture the child life?"

"It might," I replied, "if it would begin to train laymen for work among children, if it understood the meaning of the Boy Scout movement, if it poured its money into training men and women rather than into bricks and mortar; in other words, if it accepted the challenge of the children, as Dr. Gardner so finely puts it, and brought the training of children OUT OF THE BASEMENT into the chief place in the life of the church.

"Moreover, never forget this: the surest way to the heart and life of the parent is through an interest in the child."

SCOUTS AND TREE CENSUS.

A tree census in every state at the same time the 1920 population count is made is advocated by officials of the American Forestry association.

The census of trees to determine the extent of American forests, both in the country and in towns and cities, may be begun.

"Block-by-block" listing, including the size and variety of the tree, may be done by Boy Scouts and children, under supervision of civic leaders. Planting of memorial trees, it is believed, will swell the figures by many thousands.

Planters will register new trees with the association, which will also keep the "census" records taken by children and scouts.



A group of thirty-five couples will give a New Years Eve dance at the Winnetka Woman's club next Wednesday evening. Those in charge of the affair include Messrs. and Mesdames Charles W. Popper, R. Portus, Maurice S. Hirsch, E. D. Sax and C. H. Barnard.

Miss Caroline Sanborn, who is spending the winter in Wilmington, Del., arrived Wednesday to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor C. Sanborn in Kenilworth, until Sunday.

Mrs. Harry E. Miller will give a Children's party in honor of her daughter Virginia, at her home, 670 Walden road, on Tuesday, December 30.

With the exception of Miss Hayes' dancing class, all of the classes at the Winnetka Woman's club have been discontinued for the holiday season. Miss Hayes will give a dancing party for her class on Monday afternoon, December 29.

Mr. and Mrs. John McEwen, 548 Cherry street, entertained the members of the eighth grade of the North Shore Country day school at dinner and a sleighride party on Tuesday

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evening in honor of their son John, and daughter Eleanor.

An informal dancing party will be

given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Ely, 592 Cherry street, on New Year's eve in honor of their son, Robert Ely.

The North Shore Catholic Woman's league gave a Children's party in the Winnetka Woman's club yesterday afternoon.

The Season's Greetings

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